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WHAT A HELL OF A NEW YEAR!

Did you notice it! Not the raw, frosty, bleak day without Nevada sunshine, but the cold absence of sociability. For the first time Tonopah had a New Year experience without any of the happy-go-lucky-shake-your-hand Bill 'Happy New Year' greeting. There was nothing doing. Hospitality, comradeship and fellowship were submerged. The main spring had busted an eccentric, the ignition system was out of Whack and the day was anything but a generous house, for the exchange of those senti-ments that have always been inseparable from the frontier. One might as well try to dissassionate the scent of the sagebrush from the name Nevada as to try to think of the first day of the day of the year observed without that mellowing mutual regard that makes the whole world km. There was no renewing the friendships that had carried many a wayfarer across the deserts of time with encouraging urgings and substantial remembrances. There were none of these. The first day of the year in Tonopah re sembled a day in the gloomy precincts of a morgue. Saloons which once dispensed wholesome cheer were silent and the hearty choruses of citizens wishing the compliments of the season were not there. Nobody sang the time honored refrain of "When good fellows get together" for there were no good fellows and the sour visaged bunch that silently threaded the streets told the story as plainly as words that the obsequies of good fellowship had been observed and the cadaver laid away in the grave with other felicitous thoughts of the merry past. The tempting egg-nog and the steaming Tom and derry in their cut glass and china containers did not decorate the mahogany and the brass foot-rails were undefiled by business usage. There was no getting away from the fact that the celebration was a \$70st and that the eighteen previous anniversaries were nothing more than specters whose gay wassails could not be resurrected.

The saloon is the mining camp clubhouse. There is where deals of first magnitude are ripered and pulled off. The biggest mining transactions of the camp have had their inception and consummation in the 'aspitable bar where capitalists, prospector and speculator met on common footing. New Year's day was the day for bringing these people together and all desert rats made it their business to be in camp on the first day of January. The bar was an open market in which were exchanged ideas and men traded together in an atmosphere of conviviality. None of that occurred yesterday ... The desert broke desert rat inured to thirst saw nothing in Tonopah with its repellent drougth, so he went elsewhere with his offerings.

Puritanism had paralyzed the faculty for entertaining and there was not enough pep left in the few men fringing the sidewalks to wish their fellows a Happy New Year. There was no glad hand business. Mine sirens shricked and men came and went about their customary labor. The holiday spirit was not there for it was a hell of a New Year.

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TOO POOR FOR A POSTOFFICE. The first assistant postmaster general has gone on record with a sentiment that fitly belongs to the administration of such a monumental failure as the administration of Burleson. In a formal communication to Congressman Evans the department acquits itself in some such style as this: There cannot be any money for improving the Tonopah postoline so long as other wants of the government absorb taxes. Anyway, there is no reason why Tonopah should be favored with any conveniences or improvements for the simple reason that it managed to struggle through the holiday trade and therefore it can manage to keep its head above water with the normal business of the camp. This is the line of argument used, but nothing is said about the superhuman efforts con anded from the valiant young lady clerks struggling against the incoming tide of business. The official epitome of the department does not pause to say the slightest word in commendaon of the clerks who stood at their stations for two weeks at a time without indulging in anything more substantial than a sandwich eaten while they served the public. Nothing is said about the rear street piled high with packages which accumulated there at the risk of loss by weather and thieves while the postmaster and his assistants were using the telephone in the front office begging and imploring citizens to come and take away what the government would not shelter. The situation was a disgrace to any community with the least tinge of local pride and it is surprising that the wires did not burn up the administration for enforeing stone age tactics. The star route contractor handling the mail between here and Manhattan who takes care of an average of two tons a day, came to the assistance of the government by voluntarily granting the use of his warehouse for the accommodation of traffic which, otherwise, would have been thrown in the street. The first assistant postmaster general says there is no use wasting money or sympathy on Tonopah so long as the citi-1; zens of this camp can manage to worry along with what they have. 2 Two good sites for an office building have been offered at reasonable prices and the appropriation of \$30,000 would give Tonopah a postoffice commensurate with the requirements of this territory. In this connection it may be stated that during Senator Nixon's term an appropriation of \$75,000 for a federal building in Tonopah was passed by congress.

TAFT A POOR PROPHET.

The records will show that Mr. Taft, when president was quite as certain that the American people and the Canadian people that the former, by a buge majority, are in favor of the league of nations. When Taft forced the suciprocity insue he was in a position to sense the feetings of the public. Did he sense it can rectly! Canadian reciprocity pieced on important part in giving him one of the worst political defeats in himsey. The democrata, gained control of the house in the last two years of the Table and ministraton and passed his measure. Canada turned down resiprocity categorically. The Hon. Samuel McCall led the fight as the republican side for that measure, and he is now certain that

the American people want the league of nations. But the strange thing about it is that weither gentleman is willing to let the people vote on the question, and that is what the republican party insists they be afforded the opportunity to do.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 31.-How a hepherd dog stood guard over her master's body for two days and three nights to protect it "frem prowling animals and birds of prey VERDI DIVIDE MINING COMPANY. has been revealed here by Humane Officer J. W. Canning.

Ermos F. Williams, son of J. H. Williams, of Phoenix, died July 15, in the mountains about fifty-sir miles north of here. He fell over as though from heart disease, his father heard afterwards.

As Mexican herder called "Lady," "Stay with him." The Mexican walked toward Phoenix until he father.

J. H. Williams started from Phoenix at once. Because of hard wine and washouts he had difficulty n getting into the mountain fast cases where the flocks pastured Finally he reached the spot where he body lay, the dog still on guard She growled viciously as he approached he said, but as soon as she saw he meant no harm, she licked his hand. She was worn by her long vigil half starved and gaunt with thirst but when he tried o drag her to a place to drink, she realsted fiercely and ran back to he boy's body. There she stayed intil neighbors had been summoned from miles away to take the body to Phoenix Then she consented to he turned over to the head shepherd of the Williams flocks who had instructions to see that she received always the best of care.

MAKING POULTRY CENTER

(Correspondence Associated Press) FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Nov. 13 .- By Mail-Hot Springs, on the lower Tanana river, bids fair to become he poultty center of Alaska, accordng to claims of residents of that district. Poultry raising is attracting much attention in the camp, it is reported, a number of the settlers having fine flocks of Rhode Island Reds and other varieties.

PIRATES INCREASE IN CHINESE WATERS

Correspondence Associated Press) HONGKONG. Nov. 30 -- Chinese watermen have appealed to the authorities of Hongkong to take action to suppress the growing number of pirates who have been ravaging small craft in waters adjacent to

Tonopah, Nevada,

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of Verdi Divide Mining comlast, while herding goats and sheep pany will be held at the office of said company in Tonopah, Nevada, on the nineteenth day of January, carried off, 1920, at 3:00 p. m.

the election of a board of directors the shepherd dog, to the body and for the enough year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the met an American who telephoned meeting. Each stockholder is ennews of the death to the you'the titled to one vote in person or by proxy, for each share of stock standing registered in his or her name on the twentieth day preceding the Office now located on the fifth floor date of said meeting

Dated at Tonopah, Nevada, this 29th day of December, 1919.

P. F. REVERT.

REVERT DIVIDE MINING COMPANY.

Tonopah, Nevada To the stockholders of the Revert Divide Mining company:

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of Revert Divide Mining company will be held at the office of said company in Tonopah. Nevada, on the nineteenth day of January, 1920, at 10:30 a. m.

The object of the meeting is for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business IN MIDDLE ASASKA as may properly come before the meeting. Each stockholder is entitled to one wete, in person or by proxy, for each share of stock standing registered to his or her name on the twentieth day preceding the date of said meeting

Dated at Tonopah, Nevada, this 29th day of December, 1919 P. F. REVERT.

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ARE EXPLAINED

illy Associated Press) FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 2-Texas lawmakers forgot to condemn one little book when they framed the

prohibition act barring from the state all formulae for making spirituous Complete instructions on the manufacture of "unauthoritative" fluids

may be found in the latest edition of an authoritative dictionary. Spread on a page is a working diagram of whiskey still and a definition of the word "still" that would be a guidance for the most ignorant. The diagram explains without words just how the cold water is carried nto a cistern and the overflow is

Dictionaries are certainly handy Tonesan Officeal Rooms 208 (to.) The object of the meeting is for books," according to the man who ande this discovery.

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